

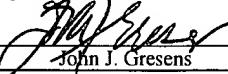
Gp 2877

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hansen et al. Examiner: Unknown  
Serial No.: 09/403958 Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Filed: 1 November 1999 Docket: 12845.2USWO  
Notice of N/A Batch No.: N/A  
Allow. Date:  
Due Date: N/A  
Title: METHOD AND A SYSTEM FOR DETERMINATION OF PARTICLES IN A LIQUID SAMPLE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on 1 February 2000.

By:

  
John J. Gresens

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED

FEB 04 2000

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing  
 Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 23 Reference(s), International Search Report  
 Return postcard

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
3100 Norwest Center, Minneapolis, MN 55402  
(612) 332-5300

By:   
Name: John J. Gresens  
Reg. No.: 33,112  
JJG/klj